



Your Indianapolis Animal Care and Control Division recently announced the appointment of a new interim administrator. Spencer L. Moore was appointed this past week by Department of Public Safety Director Troy Riggs to fill the administrator position following the resignation of Dan Shackle. Mr. Moore is a former administrator of IACC, having served in that position from approximately 1993 to 1999.

Mr. Moore and his family are well-known fixtures in the community and in the Indianapolis Public Safety family. His family has 74 years of cumulative service. Mr. Moore retired from the Indianapolis Police Department in 2006 after 38 years of service (42 years as a law enforcement officer). Mr. Moore's wife, Jo, is a serving member of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, who will begin her 29<sup>th</sup> year of service this summer. David Moore, their son, was an officer with nearly seven years of service on IMPD, when he was gunned down while on duty in January of 2011. With his death, David became the first officer of the newly-merged Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department to die in the line of duty.

Mr. Moore commented, "It's a pleasure to return. It is particularly pleasing to see so many of the programs initiated during my previous administration still in use, albeit improved versions in some instances."

Also with some pride, Mr. Moore points to a Board of Public Safety Resolution adopted in August 1999, upon his reassignment. The resolution states in part, ***"WHEREAS, under Lt. Moore's leadership and direction, the Animal Control Division has set the following standards of accomplishment: a 17% and greater reduction in the number of animals which are euthanized; a 400% increase in the number of animal adoptions (and receipt of the prestigious PetSmart Institute national award for adoptions – the only municipally operated shelter ever to be so honored); and, an increase in the live animal releases from around 2,000 to over 5,000 per year."***

"In my first assignment to IACC, the building was new," Mr. Moore commented, adding, "I look at that time as a transition period. We moved from a "holding" place to a real kennel operation. Although I am very proud of the PetSmart award, I am most proud of seeing the legacy began in those early years continued. The programs we started are pointed to with pride today."

Among the programs started during Mr. Moore's early administration are: rescue and foster care, accepting donated foods, outreach adoption program, establishment of an adoption kennel, in-kennel veterinarian care, micro-chipping, long-term kenneling, computer-aided dispatch and improved kennel care through use of industry standard commercial cleaners.

"Then there are a couple of ideas we only helped with," Mr. Moore added. He pointed to the unionization of animal control, and its strong force in the current operation of IACC. One other program Mr. Moore noted that his administration helped in its beginning was low cost spay-neutering, possibly a predecessor to the current FACE (*Foundation Against Companion-Animal Euthanasia*) program. He said his staff worked hard to get low cost spay-neutering to be part of IACC's adoption model.

This time around, Mr. Moore plans to work on the foster care program and the kennel environment, both in operational issues and facility standards.

Mr. Moore added, "I am really looking forward to working with the kennel and enforcement staff. I hope to improve the bond and working relationship with the animal welfare community so we can be better servants to the tax payers of Indianapolis."

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